

No. 5688 號六十八百六千五第 日十二月正年子丙緒光 HONGKONG, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH, 1878 一拜禮 號四十月二英 港香 [PRICE \$2½ PER MONTH.]

FD, 135	35 cases Beer.
AB, No. 5	1 case Merob
HM	100 bales Cotton

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From the Report on the health of H. M. and

Post-Office Notifications.

A mail will close
 For Coorktown, —Per City of Bakers, to-day the 14th inst., at 1.30 P.M.
 For Shanghai, —Per *Thales*, on Wednesday the 16th inst., at 1.30 P.M.
 For Melbourne, —Per *Sydney*, Melbourne, to-morrow, &c. —Per *Eden*, on Friday, the 18th inst., at 11.30 A.M.

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES' PACKET.
 The United States Mail Packet *CITY OF PEKING* will be despatched on THURSDAY the 16th instant, at 1 P.M., for the Mail Office.
 For Yokohama, San Francisco, the United States, and the United Kingdom.
 The Post Office will be open for the reception of Ordinary Letters, Books, Newspapers, &c.
 Letters can be posted on board the Packet from 2.30 P.M. to 2.50 P.M., on payment of Late Fee of 10 cents in addition to the Postage.
 The Reception of Letters closes at all times above placing by this route is compulsory. Correspondence insufficiently prepaid will be forwarded by the English Packets.
 Correspondence addressed to the columns of the United States must be superimposed by *CITY OF PEKING*, and that addressed to the United Kingdom must be superimposed by *San Francisco*.

ALFRED LISTER,
 Postmaster-General
 General Post Office,
 Hongkong, 4th February, 1876.

MAILS BY THE ENGLISH PACKET.
 The English Contract Packet *GWALTO* will be despatched with the Mails for Europe, &c., on THURSDAY, the 17th instant.
 The following will be the hours of closing:—
Mail-cases, &c.
 Wednesday, 16th instant,
 5 P.M., Money Order Office closes.
 6 P.M., Post Office closes.
 Box, which remains open all night.
 Thursday, 17th instant,
 7 A.M., Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Post Office all correspondence.
 10 A.M., Post Office closes except for Letters. Registry of Letters ceases.
 10.15 A.M., Letters may be posted on payment of Late Fee of 18 cents extra postage, until 11 A.M., when the Post Office CLOSURE entirely.
 11.30 A.M., Letters (but Letters only) addressed to the United Kingdom, &c. to Singapore, may be posted on board the Packet on payment of Late Fee of 48 cents extra postage.
 11.50 A.M., Postage of Letters ceases.

ALFRED LISTER,
 Postmaster-General
 General Post Office,
 Hongkong, 4th February, 1876.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.
 The French Contract Packet *DIEMNA* will be despatched on THURSDAY, the 24th instant, with the Mails for Europe, &c. to Singapore, Malacca, to Europa, Saigon, Kingdom of Siam, Australia, New Zealand, Aden, Seybelleh, Roumion, Mauritius, Socotra, and Alexandria.
 The following will be the hours of closing:—
Mail-cases, &c.
 Wednesday, 23rd instant,
 5 P.M., Money Order Office closes. Post Office closes except the Night Box, which remains open all night.
 Thursday, 24th instant,
 7 A.M., Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Post Office all correspondence.
 10 A.M., Registry of Letters ceases.
 11 A.M., Post Office closes except for Letters.
 11.10 A.M., Letters (but Letters only) addressed to the United Kingdom, &c. to Singapore may be posted on payment of Late Fee of 18 cents extra postage, until 11.30 A.M., when the Post Office CLOSURE entirely.

ALFRED LISTER,
 Postmaster-General
 General Post Office,
 Hongkong, 10th February, 1876.

His Excellency Governor Sir ARTHUR EDWARD KERR, C.M.G., O.B.E., is pleased to direct that all correspondence, &c., addressed to (including those notified on the 15th instant) to be published for general information.

LETTERS. CENTS.
 France and Algeria via Brindisi, 12 per cent.
 Italy, Red Sea, &c. via Brindisi, 12 per cent.
 Continent of Europe (France excepted), 18 per cent.
 Ports of China and Japan (excepted), 12 per cent.
 Aden, Ceylon, India, Pondicherry, 8 per cent.
 Saigon, 12 per cent.
 Spain and Portugal, via Brindisi, 12 per cent.
 The rates of the 14th inst. are notified in the Table of Rates dated the last instant, and must be regarded as superseding that Table far as they apply.

Arrangements have been made for the Registration of Correspondence exchanged between the United States of America and this Colony by Pacific Mail Packets of the Occidental and Oriental Companies, &c. The following letter may be sent through one of the Pacific Express conducted by Messrs. LAURE, CHAMBERLAIN, & H. MORLEY, which, for anything over 6 ounces, will be charged cheaper than the Post.

There is a common belief in the existence of a Parcel Post by which articles as small as a single letter may be sent at a low rate. It cannot be too distinctly stated that such a thing can only be sent as Letters, and the value of such articles is 18 cents per half ounce. Printed Cards, &c. All such packages should be sent through one of the Pacific Express conducted by Messrs. LAURE, CHAMBERLAIN, & H. MORLEY, which, for anything over 6 ounces, will be charged cheaper than the Post.

Correspondence for New Zealand via Tor.
 A considerable amount of Correspondence being received directed to New Zealand, the *Torres Strait* it is notified that the New Zealand Post Office has declined to receive Mail for New Zealand by the *Torres Strait* to forward such Correspondence and Goods.
 Persons who are anxious to avail themselves of the *Torres Strait* Steamers to communicate with New Zealand should address their letters to the care of an Agent at Sydney.

As some misapprehension exists regarding the transmission of Packets and Samples through the *Torres Strait*, it is notified for general information, that the Privilege of sending such articles through the post at the rate of postage applicable to them is restricted to *bona fide Trade Packages or Samples of Manufactures*, &c. and that the quantity may be over one-quarter of the quantity may be, or any articles sent by one private individual to another, which are not actually packages or samples, are not admissible.

Postage on Correspondence forwarded Private Ship to the Straits Settlements must be prepaid at the following rates, viz.—
 For each letter, 1/2 cent.
 For Papers, 1/2 cent.
 For Book Packages, 1/2 cent.
 and Packages of 6 for each 400 words.

The Stationary for each correspondence is twelve cents for each Letter, Paper, or Packet.

The Postmaster at San Francisco has given notice that letters despatched from this Colony (whether through the Post Office, or as co-senders) Letters by the United States Mail Packets, will not be received for the United States unless the proper postage from America to each place be properly in American Postage Stamps, but will be returned to their office.

Letters for Hongkong and American Stamps as above, posted to an Agent in the United States.

This notice chiefly applies to the following places, the American rates of Postage to which are as follows:—

NEW-YORK.
 Letters, Papers, Books, &c., 4 per cent.
 Honolulu, 4 per cent.
 Brazil, 10 per cent.
 Peru, Chili, &c., 10 per cent.

VISIT TO A CHINESE THEATRE.

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or two hundred get tired or bored; and lea

to make room for others. I did the same last night. I left to make room for other people. The management forgot to put benches or springs to my seat, so I sat on the floor. I found much of a good thing for other people to go away. Possibly they were not so much as I was, when I was asked, were afraid to go. I could become stage-struck, infatuated with their plays, and did this to save my feelings. Gentle or simple sit upon long, high-backed, cushionless benches, ranging from side to side, entirely void of paint or ornament, except the coating of grease and dust from the fingers or robes of visiting coolies. The walls are stained and grimy, while the floor seems to have an accumulation of six months' dirt scraped from the streets and sidewalks and of its surface. Around the walls are the portraits of a few famous men. The narrow gallery, the main part of which is furnished with the sun-break-bar seats, as below. A small space at its right is partitioned off into two small boxes. These boxes are neatly prepared, contain a few chairs, and are used for the accommodation of the stockholders and the aristocratic portion of the audience. Last of celestial birth, but most earthly presence, find room to look upon the minto stage, cast oiling glances at the minto stage, and minto the gallery's left-hand corner.

Down on a level with the audience, we glanced along the stage, in the space we generally look for an orchestra, we found a few extra boxes and barrels; many containing preserved fruits—mangoes,

Let us look at the Chinese stage. Here you will find an exhibition in the line of acting! No scenery of gorgeous colors. The "Crook" type inspires or sustains the king of sock and buskins. No scenery is used with the winged god Mercury, helps to wider dazzle or enchant the beholder. No merit alone, must serve the artist's art. There is no box, proscenium, torned curtain or flat to obstruct the view—only the rough plank staging from wall to wall, and a very few, fittures of the rudiment. Five bout time hide the glare of many foot-lights, whilst about the stage is gained from pipes of the commonest description, their sound is a pleasant ear-ception, their smoke is a pleasant eye-ception. The actors, in hoops, eases, and art of light necessity. Over against the box on each side of the stage, piled out of the actor's way, are several large deal-chairs over and behind which little Chinese are play at hide-and-seek during the performance. This little play is not done during the evening's programme. There are no programmes. Programmes are superfluous. The actors, dressed in ordinary size and opening down the stage to the rear of the house, serve as places of entrance and exit for the performers. I believe, if my observations were correct, the players, came in on the right and went out at the left.

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America	Vanbaldt	Ger. sh
Anna	W. Jensen	Ger. bb
Asie Minorre	Gaurin	Frant. bb
Auguste	P. M. Rüs	Frant. bb
Aurore	A. A. Bush	Ger. bk
Aurel Friedrich	J. Neilson	Ger. bk
Bogert	Bauquay	Frant. bb
By Horn	Green	Ger. bk
Danann	Mann	Fr. sh
Dorothea Magnua	Th. Miles	Brit. sh
Estator	Ofarreen	Ger. sh
Charter Oaks	Smith	Amer. sh
Christine	Widlung	Ger. bb
Coldstream	R. L. Randall	Brit. bb
Columba	Th. Heuer	Brit. sh
Craigo	Sclavo	Brit. bb
Orlando Lea	T. Landy	Brit. bb
Christina A. P.	F. Capra	Nion-sh
Ortrien	W. Lull	Amer. sh
Orsander	Th. Heuer	Amer. sh
Deja	J. Kuarie	Span. bb
Feiga	Christensen	Dan. bb
Flying Eagle	W. S. Crowell	Amer. sh
Fortune	Schultz	Span. bb
Ernie	Hilbermann	Brit. sh
Garibaldi	C. A. Wages	Amer. bk
Gracie	Thos. Roberts	Brit. sh
Halia	William Sly	Brit. bk
Hammonia	G. E. O. Weller	Ger. sh
Haze	Wilkinson	Frant. sh
Hermanus	J. L. Keenel	Ger. bb
Houngtong	L. Castagnino	Peru. sh
Ico	Bannan	Ger. bk
Jamies Vincembo	J. MacPherson	Brit. bb
Johann Smith	H. Bolker	Brit. sh
Kate Walets	J. Howard	Brit. sh
Katie Fat	Lyman	Siam-sh
Kirkland	College	Brit. bk
Loa	E. Sorensoning	Aust. bk

Liberator	Vandervord	Brit. abn.
Lord MacDuff	MacDonald	Brit. abn.
Lord Nelson	Schiffeloh	Ger. nob.
Lucky	D. Mihalacsen	Siam. bk.
Lucre	M. Oelberg	Siam. bk.
Marina	Jenn	Brit. bk.
Metis	J. H. Kent	Amer. bk.
Morning Star	Balderson	Siam. bk.
Nabor	Pianatovich	Auat. bk.
Novelty	M. L. Linnax	Brit. bk.
Prosperity	E. Moller	Siam. bk.
Sarah Nicholson	J. G. Salkirk	Siam. bk.
Siamese Crown	Saxenroth	Siam. bk.
Signal	W. Winzer	Amer. bk.
Sir Wm. Wallace	John O'Levie	Brit. abn.
Spirit of the Age	Johnson	Brit. abn.
Success	Graham	Siam. bk.
Sumatra	Mullis	Siam. bk.
S. G. Reed	W. White	Amer. abn.
Vesta	Dirks	Ger. bk.
Young Siam	Blackstone	Siam. abn.

Rear

John Adams	O. Rowe	Fov. M.
Chris Adams	J. L. Grimes	trunk

H. M. S. SHIPS IN

Name	Rig	Gun
Aquilon	double sq. frigate	14
Oxyrhynx	steam oxyrh.	17
Carlew	double sq. gun	4
Dread	double sq. gun	4
Peary	double sq.	4

Fly	double sc, gun vl	4
Frolic	double sc, gun vl	4
Growler	double sc, gun vl	4
Hark	double sc, gun vl	4
Himalaya	double sc, gun vl	4
Hornet	double sc, gun vl	4
Kestrel	double sc, gun vl	4
Lapping	double sc, gun vl	4
Maceau	military hospital	1
Midge	double sc, gun vl	4
Moderate	double sc, gun vl	4
Moonlight	gun-bout	1
Paradise	double sc, gun vl	4
Singapore	double sc, gun vl	4
Swinger	double sc, gun vl	4
Sylvia	double sc, gun vl	4
Thistle	double sc, gun vl	4
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Victor Emanuel	receiving ship	1
Wigman	despatch vessel	1

FOREIGN MESS.		
Name.	Nation.	Tonnage.
Bajaz	Russian cor.	2
Vladimir	Russ. frigate	4

WOOLLEN GOODS.

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No.	Consignee.	Destination.
HONGKONG.		
STAMBERS.		
79	Wm. Puslan & Co	
80	Wm. Puslan & Co	Cooktown
134	Gibb, Livingston & Co	Shanghai, &c
137	Jardine, Matheson & Co	In Boat
138	Shannon & Co	Cooktown
139	Hay Esq.	Yokohama, &c
147	P. M. S. S. Co.	
177	P. & O. S. N. Co.	
178	Barry & Wm. Dk. Co	Tag Flying
62	H. K. & W. Wh. Co	Foochow
277	D. Lapraik & Co	
400	Butterfield & Swire	
450	H. O. & M. Steamboat Co	
461	H. O. & M. Steamboat Co	
462	D. Lapraik & Co	East Coast
437	Captain T. B. Bonning	Tag Plying
467	D. Searson, Scott & Co	Saigon
511	Landstam & Co	
616	Gilmer & Co	
62	D. Lapraik & Co	
791	Jardine, Matheson & Co	
973	Ahn Yoo	Saigon
1052	Mohlen & Co	
1053	Jardine, Matheson & Co	
890	H. O. & M. Steamboat Co	
891	Hop-ling	Swatow
921	Ohnace	
922	Kwok Acheong	
930	P. U. S. S. N. Co	Yokohama
932	Jardine, Matheson & Co	Shanghai
937	Wm. Puslan & Co	
952	H. O. & M. Steamboat Co	
1890	Kwok Acheong	
983	Kwok Acheong	Laid up
between Hongkong and Canton between Macao and Canton.		

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909	Jardine, Matheson & Co
1219	Siemssen & Co
449	Wm. Postau & Co
381	Landstein & Co
374	Ed. Schellhaus & Co
290	Order
378	Siemssen & Co
678	Order
401	Wm. Postau & Co
840	Berne Co. Limited
1479	Wielor & Co
468	Wm. Postau & Co
963	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co
541	Siemssen & Co
988	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co
	Order
344	Russell & Co.
621	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co

New York

669	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co
322	H. Kiser
290	Ed. Schallhaus & Co
1004	Frazar & Co
447	Taek, Mao & Co
148	Frazar & Co
670	Bozario & Co
1086	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co
377	Wieler & Co
461	Simons & Co

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982	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co	Order.
983	Wan, Paitan & Co	Order.
443	Wichers & Co	Order.
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Albuera
City of Quebec

Quart.	H.F.	Captain.	
14	800	Captain P. H. Colom.	O
17	400	Captain T. E. Smith	I
8	160	Comdy. E. J. Church	S

Shalimar	Shalimar
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4	120	Comdr. John Bruce	P
4	100	Comdr. C. E. Buckle	H
4	120	Comdr. W. Stewart	T
4	120	Comdr. T. H. Boyss	H
2	700	Captain W. Grant	F

Amo Cheabyre

3	180	Comdr. Sir W. Wise-
		[man, Bart
4	120	Comdr. H.G. Salmond
14	350	Captain A. Buller
4	60	Lieut. Comr. Paul

Corea
Flores de María.

2	65	Lieut. W. C. ...
—	150	Captain St. John
6	400	Capt. H. B. Woolcombe
4	120	Comdr. F. Stirling
14	—	Commandr. J. E. Parish
2	250	Lieut. H. C. D. Byder

Pepita
Robert Henderson

Tons.	Guns.	Cal.
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